

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In a server, a method for dynamically updating descriptions of audio-visual content information at a client, said method comprising:

said server sending to said client a command indicating a type of update to make ~~at~~ to a particular node of a data structure residing at said client and describing an item of content, wherein said particular node contains information describing an attribute of said item of audio-visual content and wherein said particular node is one of a plurality of nodes of said structure, wherein said plurality of nodes are associated with one another to form said structure;

said server sending to said client the location of said particular node in said description ~~to perform an update of said particular node, wherein said description is compliant with the MPEG-7 standard; and~~

said server retrieving and sending to said client any data related to said update, wherein said client executes said command and performs said update ~~updates said description~~ using Data Description Language (DDL).

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether said update is authorized to be performed.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said sending said command indicating said ~~the~~ type of update comprises:

issuing a command to add a node to said structure description, wherein said client accomplishes said add ~~is accomplished~~ by deriving an extension.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said sending said command indicating said ~~the~~ type of update comprises:

issuing a command to delete a node from portion of said structure description, wherein said client accomplishes said delete ~~is accomplished~~ by deriving by restriction.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said sending said command indicating said ~~the~~ type of update comprises:

issuing a command to change said information contained by said particular node a portion of said description, wherein said client accomplishes said change ~~is accomplished~~ by a combination of deriving an extension and deriving by restriction.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said client alters said ~~the~~ structure of said description.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said client alters a parameter at a node of said plurality of nodes description.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said sending said command indicating said ~~the~~ type of update comprises:

issuing a derive by restriction command.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said sending said command indicating said ~~the~~ type of update comprises:

issuing a derive by extension command.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) In a system comprising a first computer system and a second computer system coupled to said first computer system via a communication link, said second computer system ~~and~~ having stored thereon a description of an item of audio-visual content ~~that is formatted compliant with the MPEG-7 standard~~, a method for dynamically updating said description, said method comprising:

said first computer system sending a command to instructing said second computer system to perform a specified update at ~~of~~ a particular node of a data structure of said description, wherein said structure resides on said second computer system and wherein nodes of said structure comprise information describing respective attributes of said item of audio-visual content;

said first computer system sending to said second computer system a location of said particular node in said description for said update;

said first computer system retrieving and sending any data related to said update to said second computer system, wherein said second computer system executes said command and performs said update ~~updates said particular node with said data~~ using Data Description Language (DDL) ~~in response to said instructing~~.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11 further comprising:

said first computer determining whether said update is authorized to be performed.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11 further comprising:
said second computer system determining whether said first computer system is authorized to instruct said update.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein said sending said command ~~first computer system instructing said second computer system to perform a specified update to said description~~ comprises:

issuing a command to add a node to said structure ~~to said description~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein said sending said command ~~first computer system instructing said second computer system to perform a specified update to said description~~ comprises:

issuing a command to delete a node from said structure ~~portion of said description~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein said sending said command ~~first computer system instructing said second computer system to perform a specified update to said description~~ comprises:

issuing a command to change information contained by said particular node ~~a portion of said description~~.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein said second computer system alters ~~updating said description~~ comprises: altering a schema of said description, wherein said description comprises a tree structure and said update modifies said ~~the tree~~ ~~[-]~~ structure.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein said second computer system ~~alters~~ updating said description comprises: altering instance information, wherein said description comprises a tree structure and said update modifies a parameter at a node of said ~~the tree~~ [[·]] structure.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 further comprising:
selecting from among a set of data stored on said first computer system to update said description on said second computer system.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 11 wherein said first and said second computer systems form a peer-to-peer system.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 further comprising ~~wherein said first computer system instructing said second computer system to perform a specified update to said description comprises:~~

receiving a request from said second computer system for information, wherein a pull operation is initiated.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 further comprising ~~wherein said first computer system instructing said second computer system to perform a specified update to said description comprises:~~

determining that said description stored on said second computer system should be updated, wherein a push operation is initiated.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium residing on a first computer system having instructions stored thereon for causing a processor of said first computer system to instruct a processor of a second computer system to dynamically update an ~~MPEG-7~~ audio-visual content description residing on said second computer system, said instructions comprising:

said first computer system sending to said second computer system a command specifying ~~an~~ the update ~~at~~ of a particular node of a data structure of said description, wherein said structure resides on said second computer system and is associated with an item of content, wherein said particular node comprises information describing an attribute of said item of audio-visual content and wherein said particular node is one of a plurality of nodes of said structure, and wherein said plurality of nodes are associated with one another to form said structure;

said first computer system ~~retrieving and sending any to said second computer system~~ data that is related to said update ~~to said second computer system~~; and

said first computer system specifying to said second computer system a location of said particular node in said description, wherein ~~in response to said command~~ said second computer system ~~executes said command and~~ performs said update ~~of said particular node~~ using Data Description Language (DDL) using said data and said location sent by said first computer ~~system~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said ~~specifying the update of said particular node further comprises specifying a command~~ ~~is~~ selected from the group consisting of add, delete, and change commands.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said location comprises an address selected from the group consisting of further specifies between a relative address in said description and an absolute address in said description.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said instructions further comprise specifying a security level to determine whether said update is allowed.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said instructions are compliant with the Extensible Markup Language (XML).